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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:


Director, Intelligence Community Staff

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SUBJECT: Use of Contract Employees on DCI Committees

1. On 23 July  asked that I recommend a policy to you on the issue of allowing contract employees to serve on DCI committees.

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2. I had Walt Elder survey the committee chairmen on the question. Based on those responses it would appear the following policy should be adopted:

a. Individuals who are employees of commercial firms or "think tanks" who provide products or services to the Government should not serve as members of DCI committees. As Walt Elder phrased it, no non-Government entity should be accorded membership status on a DCI committee.

b. Employees of Government-owned, contractor-operated facilities such as Sandia, Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore Labs should for the purpose of this policy be considered Government, not contractor employees.

c. Participation in subcommittees, working groups, ad hoc groups, etc., should not carry with it the implication or fact of committee membership status. Therefore, individuals both in and outside Government should be free to serve at the invitation of the chairman consistent with security and good ethical practices. Where there is potential for or appearance of conflict of interest, the committee chairman should seek OGC assistance and advice to resolve it.

3. This policy should minimize conflict of interest problems. It also makes available the widest degree of expertise possible to the committees and is consistent with past and current practice. At the same time, it represents a reasonable and prudent limitation on committee membership and is consistent with the DCIDs which charter the committees.

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Attachments:

Committees' Responses
OGC's Comments

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